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## SURVEYING.

## BANKS.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

## AUCTIONS.

## INTIMATIONS.

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ARRIVALS.  
Arrived—  
TANAR French steamer, 1,756  
Beyrouth, Yokocho 2nd October, General  
MESSAGES MARITIMES  
to 12, Esmeralda, British str., 396,  
R. Talbot, M.A. 3rd October, General  
ROUSSELL & Co.

CHINESE Chinese gundow, 1  
Stewart, Captain, 11th October.  
PLATINUM Russian corvette, 1  
Captain Polikarpov, Singapore 4th October.  
DIAMANTE British steamer, 5,14,  
R. P. Collier, Amy 4th October, General  
ROUSSELL & Co.

CLARA NOCS  
THE HAMBURG OFFICE  
October 12th.

BRITISH steamer, for East Coast.  
British ship for Funchow.  
Baltic, American, for Vancouver's Is.  
Russian steamer, for London.

DEPARTURES.—

YANKEE French steamer, for Shanghai.  
YOKUTSU British steamer, for Holloway.  
EMYU Spanish str., for Amoy.

PASSING SHIPS.

Arrived—  
TANAR, two Yokohama—Mr. Bicker  
Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. Wyllie, and Mr.  
P. Russell, str., from Manila.—1 Pass.  
21 Chinese.

Diamante, str., from Amoy—Captain  
Collier, 4 European, deck, and 27 Chinese  
DEPARTED.

Oceanic, str., for Yokohama and San Fran-  
co—Mrs. Leigh and Mr. Charles Von Bate,  
Yokohama. For San Francisco—Mr. and  
Mrs. Huber, 3 children, and Norwegian ser-  
vants, G. Austin, C. E. Vanisit, and An-  
tonia Blasco, and 3 Chinese.

TOKYO.

Douglas, str., for East Coast.—1 European  
400 Chinese.

SHIPS.

British steamer Emerald reports left  
on the 9th instant, and had fresh N.E.  
winds and fine weather throughout.

British steamer Diamond reports left  
on the 11th instant, and had fine  
winds and calm at Bander Point; from  
there to port made N.E. winds and fine  
weather.

NAGASAKI SHIPPING.

Arrived—  
Lobanov, Ich. str., from Vladivostok.

Otto, British big, from Chefoo.

Kampania, Matoh, Ich. str., from Yokohama.

Salde, German, str., from Singapore.

Salon, British, str., from Shanghai.

G. I. German, Ich. str., from Yokohama.

Vivid, British, str., from Yokohama.

Samoura Mar. Jap. str., from Yunnan.

Shin, British steamer, from Hongkong.

Willie, British, str., for Tientsin.

Witava, German, str., for Vladivostok.

Malacea, British, str., for Hongkong.

Willie, British, str., for Nagasaki.

Witava, German, str., for Nagasaki.

Yokohama, German, str., for Nag

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DEATH.  
At Amoy, on the 7th instant, HENRY GROVE,  
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HONGKONG, OCTOBER 13TH, 1880.

THE political crisis at Peking, if it be pro-  
ductive of no other good, has, it would seem,  
taught the Chinese Government the value of a quick means of obtaining information.  
The system of couriers so long and, on the  
whole, so admirably maintained in China,  
has proved unequal to the requirements of the  
present day, and so deeply do the Peking  
Authorities appear impressed with the fact  
that an official has been sent from the capital  
to Shanghai to make inquiries as to the  
arrangements necessary for the construction of  
a line of telegraph between Peking and that port.  
The need of telegraphic commun-  
ication must have been uncomfortably  
realized by the Chinese Government during  
the last few months, and it is not surprising  
that they should have determined to place  
themselves in immediate communication both  
with their Ministers abroad, and also to  
bring Peking within the telegraphic ring  
which now so nearly circles the civilised  
world. At the present time the Chinese Gov-  
ernment are placed at a disadvantage in the  
conduct of foreign affairs by the absence of  
telegraphic communication, and they are  
sometimes involved in needless trouble and  
expense in the administration of home affairs  
through the same cause. The Newshairing  
correspondent of our Shanghai morning con-  
temporary gives a good illustration of this  
latter fact. Many thousand Chinese troops  
have recently been transported by steamer from  
Hankow to a place called Shan-hai Quan,  
close to the Great Wall, for the defence of  
Shingking, and now, the correspondent adds,  
it is known that "peace is all but proclaimed  
between Russia and China," the cost of  
moving these troops might have been saved  
had a telegraph line between Peking and  
Shanghai existed. The loss is calculated by  
him to be at least a *lot* of *taels*. If it be

true that the negotiations with Russia have  
advanced to such a stage that there is no  
longer any danger of a resort to hostilities,  
then there has been great waste of the money  
so hardly wrung from the taxpayers, and in  
any case a needless expense of this character  
may easily be incurred through want of the  
telegraph's agency. It will, however, be  
taken all unofficial information relative to the  
political situation at Peking with a consider-  
able grain of salt. We strongly doubt if any-  
thing has been decided, and feel uncertain as  
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## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, 12th October.

## OPINION.

Sales of New Pata at \$610 to \$615. Of Benares no sales are given, but the holders of the drug are firm. Concession for Malwa reported to about three eatties on the price of \$740.

## EXTON'S CHAMBERS.

Per steamer Chusan, for Yokohama—110 bags sugar, 791 bags rice, 297 bags saltpetre, 1,200 bags merchandise. For San Francisco—23,309 bags rice, 91 bags sugar, 99 bags black pepper, 100 bags coffee, 275 bags tapioca, 194 bags tea, 7 boxes crude opium, 60 boxes pure opium, 3 cases salts, 60 bags gunnies, 142 pieces merchandise, and 1 box tweezers (\$1,000). 100 boxes tea, 100 boxes rice, 100 boxes merchandise, and 1 box opium. For San Jose de Guatimala—6 cases silk piece-goods, 1 Manzanilla—3 boxes silk piece-goods and 12 boxes tea. For Chile—800 tea boxes. For New York—311 bales raw silk, 25 cases raw silk, 95 cases crude opium, 9 cases silk piece-goods, and 112 pugs merchandise.

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Honolulu, 14th October, 1878.

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Hongkong, 10th September, 1880.

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ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, on demand 225.

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight 723.

Private, 30 days' sight 731.

SHIRES.

Hongkong, and Shanghai Bank Shares—32 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,550 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$10 per share.

North China Insurance—The 1,075 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—The 755 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$300 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—The 85 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$86 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$85 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—200 per share premium.

Consolidated Dist. Co.—For (nominal).

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—52 per share premium.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—(Nominal).

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—(Nominal).

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

TUE. MORN. FALCONER & CO.'S Register, October 2d.

Temperature—9.9 M. 10.0 A.M. 10.8 P.M.

Barometer—30.030

Thermometer—84°

Hygrometer—84°

Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb) 75°

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

TESTIMONIAL TELEGRAMS.

October 2d.

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RESERVE FUND \$250,000.

BALANCE UNDIVIDED \$720,784.

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DIVIDENDS paid to ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS 25% on the Account of their Contributions.

The Company GRANTS POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world, at any rate, subject to a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%).

GILMAN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1874.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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Hongkong, 1st June, 1878.

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

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MILCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1878.

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1872.

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WONG YUK PUN, of the Chan Cheung Wing Hong.

YEE YEE, of the Yee On Firm.

POONG FUNG, of the Poong Sang Wo Tong.

WONG PAK CHUNG, of the Sun Tsu Lee Tong.

TSU KAI TUNG, of the Ya Cheung Hong.

TSU KAI MOON, of the Kwong Mun Cheung.

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## EXTRACTS.

THE "ROW" IN AUGUST.  
Last upon a vacant chair—  
Too many now are vacant there—  
And musingly surveyed the scene,  
Fair shadows of what once had been.  
Of riders scarce a score I counted,  
Three Amazons, but one well mounted;  
A poor, but duly kept in town,  
Patrolling sadly up and down;  
And, mourning his unhappy fate,  
An F. G. clerk disconsolate;  
A county member wearing gauntlets,  
Two mutes with pomanderisks,  
Some half-a-dozen listless males  
Leaving merrily on the rails;  
A dog-wot from the sorceress,  
A yawning "Bobby," and, in fine,  
A palid form of languid air,  
Who claimed a penny for my chair!

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AS REPORTED BY CHINESE ON THE 12TH OCTOBER, 1880.

COTTON GOODS.

American Drills, 50 yards, per pixel ... \$2.95 to \$3.10

Cotton Yarn, No. 16 to 24, per lb ... \$35.00 to \$37.00

Cotton Yarn, No. 24 to 32, per 400 lbs ... \$18.00 to \$24.00

Cotton Yarn, No. 32 to 40, per pixel ... \$70.50 to \$82.20

Chintz, per pixel ... \$1.70 to 1.75

Dyed Souffle Shirting, per pixel ... \$3.05 to 3.25

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Dyed Drills, 32 yards, per pixel ... \$2.55 to 2.65

English Drills, 14 lbs., per pixel ... \$2.70 to 2.75

English Drills, 18 lbs., per pixel ... \$2.85 to 2.90

WOOLLEN GOODS.

Blankets, 2 lbs., per pair ... \$1.05 to 1.25

Blankets, 10 lbs., per pair ... \$4.05 to 5.25

Gambols, 10 lbs., per pair ... \$1.80 to 1.90

Gambols, 20 lbs., per pair ... \$4.50 to 5.50

Gambols, 30 lbs., per pair ... \$5.00 to 6.00

Gambols, 40 lbs., per pair ... \$5.50 to 6.50

Lace Bills, M.M. Spangles, per pixel ... \$8.50 to 8.75

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